

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019, 7:00 P.M.  
FOSTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
1968 CLEAR LAKE RD, WEST BRANCH, MI 48661**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Miller at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, Shirey; Miller; Lauwers; McIntyre, present; Brenner absent.

Motion by Miller, supported by Shirey, to approve November minutes, the motion carried.

Treasurer report received and filed.

Board of Review training in in West Branch February 6, 2020, Motion by McIntyre, supported by Shirey to send Board of Review members to training, the motion carried.

Commissioner Scott reported the commissioners joined the Municipal League looking for a full time County manager. An Interim manager has been hired, prosecutor looking over the contract. Sherriff department received a \$15,000 grant for a snowmobile; county's portion will be \$2000.00. Questions were asked on inmate charges per day. Questions were asked about the duties of an Interim manager will be liaison between department heads and commissioners.

Clerk read the resignation letter by Fire Chief Keith, motion by Miller, supported by Lauwers, to accept the chief's resignation; the motion carried. Motion by Miller, supported by Lauwers, to appoint Brad Barrett as Fire Chief; the motion carried. Motion by Miller, supported by Lauwers, to appoint Austin Dempsey as assistant fire chief, the motion carried. Discussion was held on a board member attending one of the fire meetings monthly, one board member would be present on either the 1st Monday or 3rd Monday of the month. The township board and the fire chief will work on new fire policy. Grants are being worked on for air packs per Chief Barrett. There were no runs for November per fire Chief Barrett.

Clerk brought two quotes for a new laptop for the Election's. After much discussion, purchasing was tabled until January to see if the prices will be lower.

Motion by Miller, supported by Lauwers, to amend the General Fund Budget 12-10-19 as presented; Roll Call vote: Shirey, aye, Lauwers, aye, Miller, aye, McIntyre, aye; the motion carried 4 ayes, 1 absent.

Motion by Lauwers, supported by Miller, to amend the Fire Department Budget 12-10-19-1 as presented; Roll Call vote: Shirey, aye, Lauwers, aye, Miller, aye, McIntyre, aye; the motion carried 4 ayes, 1 absent.

March 10, 2020 Township Board meeting will be moved to March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. due to the Presidential Primary Election, motion by Lauwers, supported by Miller; the motion carried.

Randy Carpenter will cut up trees at the transfer station should they fall. Bill Meier is doing the sand for the transfer station, township hall and fire hall as needed since Jim Brindley retired.

Motion by Miller, supported by Lauwers, to pay bills presented from the Clerk, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by,

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Karen McIntyre, Township Clerk

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Approved by Supervisor Sandi Miller